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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 52-54 and 56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 52-54 and 56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/03</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 52-53, 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S Patent No.5779677 to Frezza.

Frezza teaches an apparatus for injecting a substance into a surface which apparatus comprises a needle assembly 12, a container for substance to be injected, a means for applying the substance from the container to the tip of the needle, a means for driving the needle to penetrate the surface and deliver the substance thereto which means comprise a body spaced from the needle assembly and said drive means including means for accelerating the body to strike the needle assembly and drive said needle into the surface.

2. Claims 52-53, 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S Patent No.4484910 to Sarnoff et al.

Sarnoff teaches an apparatus for injecting a substance into a surface which apparatus comprises a needle assembly, a container for substance to be injected, a means for applying the substance from the container to the tip of the needle, a means

for driving the needle to penetrate the surface and deliver the substance thereto which means comprise a body 36 spaced from the needle assembly and said drive means including means for accelerating the body to sticks the needle assembly and drive said needle into the surface.

3. Claims 52-54, 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S Patent No.4941880 to Burns

Burns teaches an apparatus for injecting a substance into a surface which apparatus comprises a needle assembly, a container for substance to be injected, a means for applying the substance from the container to the tip of the needle, a means for driving the needle to penetrate the surface and deliver the substance thereto which means comprise a body spaced from the needle assembly and said drive means including means for accelerating the body to sticks the needle assembly and drive said needle into the surface.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 52-54, 56 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roz Maiorino whose telephone number is 571- 272-4960. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4377. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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